



John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School

Part of the Aylsham Learning Federation

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

An update following the guidelines issues by the government yesterday.

1. All people displaying the symptoms of Coronavirus (continuous/persistent new cough and/or a temperature in excess of 37.8°) should self-isolate along with their entire household for a period of 14 days. They should avoid social contact such as going to the shops during this period.
2. By the end of the week (they were not hugely precise on this), it is expected that all people in the following vulnerable health groups:
 - pregnant women
 - people with health conditions that would be offered the flu jab routinely
 - people over 70

will be requested to practice social distancing (avoiding work, social gatherings, public gatherings) for a period of 12 weeks.

People are also encouraged to avoid public spaces such as pubs, restaurants and theatres.

As part of the drive to reduce unnecessary social gatherings we have cancelled all assemblies and restricted visitors to school to only those that are essential. We have split lunchtime in to 3 sections and the children will continue to eat in the hall but only with their year group. We are also separating the children for playtimes as much as we can. We continue to practice thorough hygiene routines.

We hope to be able to work with all classes in a normal way this week, but it will depend on staffing levels and we may need to take action if this is not possible to maintain.

We will aim to remain open as directed by Public Health England and we are busily preparing for home learning in the event of closure.

I hope that this provides some clarity and we will add more detail as soon as we get it.

Thank you for your patience in what we know is a difficult and challenging time for us all.

Yours sincerely

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